

Fine Gael and Fianna Fáil and The Green Party agree to work together during the Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council sitting 2014 – 2019, our common agreed objectives are to:

Ease the Cost of Living

- We will cut **Local Property Tax by 15%** in 2015
- We will maintain **this reduction in Local Property Tax in Subsequent Years** where possible

Encourage Local Business Activity

- We aim to ensure that the County remains the premier location for employment opportunities for small, medium and large businesses while serving as an attractive location for inward foreign direct investment, therefore we will **Reduce Commercial Rates** where feasible.
- We welcome the Economic & Enterprise Development SPC and will encourage an ethos which supports economic sustainability across the county. We will endeavour to support environmentally sustainable businesses across our county.

Make Housing Available

- We recognise the housing shortage in the County, we will pursue a new **Programme of Social Housing**, continue the ongoing **Maintenance and Improvement to our Council Housing Stock** and provide a framework for a **Tenant Purchase Scheme**. We will review progress on a six monthly basis.
- We will work with other Local Authorities to alleviate homelessness and work to establish support service for those in need of **emergency accommodation**; in particular we will seek to establish a **dedicated refuge for victims/families experiencing domestic violence** in our County.

Improve Local Amenities

- We are committed to the protection and expansion of existing parkland, coastal and green spaces for the benefit of the entire community, we will endeavour to introduce efficiencies to provide an improved **Litter and Dog Warden service**, and to carry out a **review of the parks bye-laws**
- In recognition of the growing number of families in the County we pledge to **increase the availability of Quality Playground Facilities**
- We are committed to the **upgrading of Blackrock Park** and to the **re-development of the Dun Laoghaire Baths sites** as agreed by the last Council.
- We will insist that the Council produces a **master plan for Shanganagh Castle**

Promote Sports, Culture & The Arts

- We are Supportive of a **lively Arts, Cultural, Sporting and Events Programme** on a county wide basis, we will work towards **attracting Major Sporting Events** to the county
- We are committed to providing improved sports facilities across the county, including an **increase in the number of Playing Pitches** and the provision of **Swimming Pools at Glenalbyn and the Samuel Beckett Sports Complex**. We will provide an athletics track at Marlay Park.
- We will review the **Council owned facilities for community use**

Enhance Communication With Citizens

- We would like to see the public profile of the Council improved, we therefore commit to **enhancing the DLR Times Newsletter** and to **facilitating meaningful consultation with citizens** on Council plans, including the County Development Plan, Local Area Plans and Part 8's.
- We are committed to the highest standards of openness and transparency.
- We will commit to providing information on our website on how your Local Property Tax is allocated. We will endeavour to improve our website to the benefit of all citizens.

- We are committed to the roll out of the CRM system to all the Council departments

Maintain Our Localities

- We are all proud of the communities we represent and we commit to ensuring these are maintained to a high standard. We pledge to provide more **finance for footpath and road repairs** as well as additional **finance for Tree Pruning & Planting**. We commit to **supporting Tidy Towns** groups.
- We will review the published street sweeping schedule so that we can **Ensure that areas with Commuter Parking will be cleaned**
- We commit to pursue the **taking in Charge of Open Space and Housing estates** where appropriate
- We will continue to support and improve access and facilities for those with disabilities

Facilitate Safe & Healthy Commuting

- We pledge to **provide a Safe and Comprehensive Network of Cycle Paths** and to review and report on sustainable safer pedestrian and cycling routes to schools. Additionally, we support the S2S or any alternative scheme that will **provide Cyclists and Pedestrians with Access to the Seaward Side of the Dart Line**.
- We will endeavour to make DLR a model of best practice for sustainable transport and mobility.

Traffic & Parking

- We commit to **review the Parking Scheme in the County** and to **review the "Prioritisation List for Traffic Calming Schemes"** in the county with a view to progressing more works
- We will prioritise and report back to the Council on the Blackglen Road project.

Tackling Climate Change

- We will wherever possible use the most environmentally sustainable options in terms of energy use within our county.
- We will ensure that flood risk management is deployed particularly in areas identified as higher risk.
- We will encourage the development of lower carbon use housing.

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